

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application. Claims 2, 23, 27, and 38 have been canceled. Claims 1, 3-22, 24-26, 28-37, and 39-40 are pending, of which claims 1, 22, 26, and 37 have been amended
5 to place the application in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9-21, 31-36, and 39-40 have been allowed (*Office Action* p.4). Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability. These claims remain
10 unchanged and are in condition for allowance. In addition, claims 2, 23, 27, and 38 are indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form (*Office Action* p.5). Accordingly:

Claim 1 is amended to include the elements of claim 2 (now canceled), and claims 1 and 3-8 are in condition for allowance;

15 Claim 22 is amended to include the elements of claim 23 (now canceled), and claims 22 and 24-25 are in condition for allowance;

Claim 26 is amended to include the elements of claim 27 (now canceled), and claims 26 and 28-30 are in condition for allowance; and

20 Claim 37 is amended to include the elements of claim 38 (now canceled), and claim 37 is in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, all pending claims 1, 3-22, 24-26, 28-37, and 39-40 are in condition for allowance, and Applicant requests that the objection to the now canceled dependent claims be withdrawn.

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Claim Objection

Claim 16 is objected to for an informality (*Office Action* p.2). An appropriate correction is provided herein, and Applicant requests that the claim objection be withdrawn.

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35 U.S.C. §102 Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 3-8, 22, 24-26, 28-30, and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0128381 to Zaima (*Office Action* p.2).

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As described above, independent claims 1, 22, 26, and 37 are amended such that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the §102 rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

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Pending claims 1, 3-22, 24-26, 28-37, and 39-40 are in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests issuance of the subject application. If any issues remain that preclude issuance of the application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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